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In re Patent Application of:

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For: ARTICULATED YOKE METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SUPPORTING
SURFACE ENABLING AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF LOAD AND BEARING
ARRANGEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			X (\$140 SE or \$280)	\$
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3				TOTAL \$

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

AMENDMENTS

☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1. Specification:

Please enter the enclosed Substitute Specification as Appendix C . A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

2. Drawings:

Please approve drawing changes, indicated in red, to Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a1, 2a2, 2a3, 2b1, 2b2 and 3 attached hereto.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~1-24~~ without prejudice.

Please add new claims ~~25-36~~ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested.